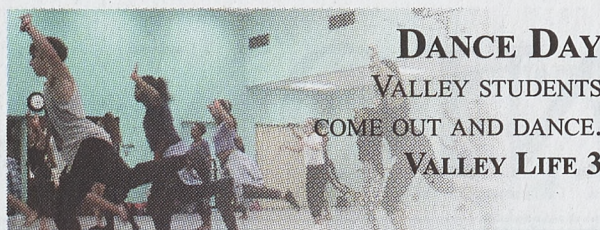
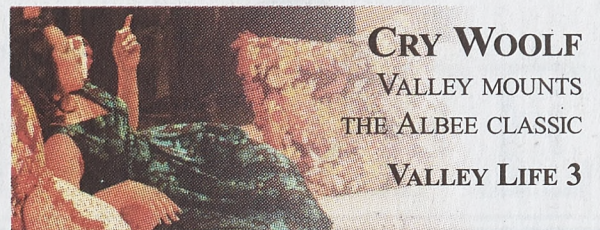




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LATINO AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY



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VIVAN LOS CLUBES - Dozens of students celebrated Latino Heritage Month last week in front of the Student Services, clubs that participated including Puente, M.E.Ch.A., Abilities and others. Along with celebrating Latino culture, clubs were also looking for new members. The next Club Day will be on Nov. 19.

FOOTBALL

Monarchs ready to ring rival Brahmas' bell

■ "The Victory Bell" matchup versus rival Pierce resonates on many levels.



MEGAN MOUREAUX / THE ROUND UP

TO WHOM THE BELL TOLLS - Valley and Pierce battle for the bell.

BY KEVIN BUCKLES JR.
SPORTS EDITOR

Two-thousand, one-hundred, and ninety days. Three hundred and twelve weeks. Seventy-two months.

For six exasperating years, Valley College's trophy case has sat void of any significant football achievements. Instead, particles of dust have accumulated to mark the time.

However, Saturday's game against Pierce College will present the Valley football squad with an opportunity to blow that frustration away and reclaim a prized possession: The Victory Bell. And the Monarchs' hopes rest largely on defectors who bucked the Brahama Bulls.

Former Pierce running backs coach Cordell Landers, who now holds the same position at Valley, as well as being

the recruiting coordinator, told Pierce's The Roundup News in May that the Monarchs will definitely have the advantage heading into the Bell matchup this season.

"I don't think Pierce is going to have the coaching that Valley will have," Landers told Pierce's newspaper, a former Valley football player from 1999-00. "We [the Valley coaching staff] have all been Division I, they have no one on that staff that has been at our level."

Landers was not done.

The coach criticized Pierce Athletic Director Bob Lofrano and Brahma Offensive Coordinator Jason Sabolic.

"Lofrano has no love for the football program," said Landers. "They also have a bad offensive coordinator. None of the players respect Sabolic as a coach."

"We're coming for the bell."

Unfortunately for the Monarchs, the last five meetings against the Brahmas have been anything but competitive. Since 2009, Pierce has defeated Valley five times by an average margin of 19.8, scoring nearly 40 points per game.

Despite recent history, Monarchs Head Coach Juan

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Monarchs get in the pink for cancer awareness

■ Valley's Health Center promotes breast cancer awareness on Club Day.

BY JASEL RICO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Sonia B. Nodal donned a hot pink wig for the most serious of causes.

Nodal was at the Campus Health Center's Club Day booth to help inform all students about a serious and all-too common disease - and to show her support for women fighting breast cancer - including her own sister.

"I just keep going because I want to keep this event going as well as encouraging women and the 1 percent of men and giving them all education," Nodal said from under her colorful hair.

Every October, stores are flooded with a sea of pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. The color pink has become a symbol of hope and survival. Many brands generate special-edition products with the famous pink ribbon; some profits go towards

prevention. Even the NFL gets very visibly involved, with bright pink towels, shoes, and patches on uniforms worn in nationally televised games.

These campaigns' ultimate goal is for everyone to be aware of the disease and the steps to detect it. The American Cancer Society estimates that about 40,000 deaths occur from breast cancer each year. Patients and their families deal with a wide range of emotional and physical pain throughout the ordeal. But when it is caught early enough, the disease has been known to be more responsive to treatment.

"Even though, at times some young women are too bashful to take information," Nodal said. "But it's really okay, it's really about being aware of your body and being familiar and doing self-examination now not until it's too late."

Prevention starts with performing body checks at home

once a month after a menstrual cycle. Lumps, redness, or any change in your body can be a sign. However, it is always best to get a doctor's opinion. Easy-to-follow pamphlets with steps on how to perform checkups are available at the health center.

Pretty pink balloons were used as a canvas to write positive messages about breast cancer at the Health Center's booth. "Stay strong" and "be positive" were among the dozens of encouraging words written on the balloons. Students carried them around campus in hopes of raising questions among other students.

The student store is also showing its support by carrying a variety of items with the famous pink ribbon such as notebooks, pens, shirts and other school necessities.

Ultimately, showing support can mean joining a group, buying a product or being knowledgeable of your body.



ZAIDA DIAZ/VALLEY STAR

PINK BOW - Sonia Nodal PA, Valley clinical coordinator alerts Monarchs on Breast Cancer Awareness.

ASU aids honor society

■ Phi Theta Kappa will send contestants to the spring state conference.

BY ZAIDA DIAZ
STAFF WRITER

The Associated Student Union granted Phi Theta Kappa's (PTK) budget request of \$1,500 on Tuesday, during a finance and executive council meeting. The money will be used to cover expenses for the PTK All-USA State Conference, a scholarship contest which will take place during the spring in Sacramento, Calif. This includes round trip airfare, accommodations, and conference fees for two Valley students and an advisor.

According to Martin Deeb, PTK honor society president, contest winners can receive scholarships of up to \$2,500.

"We all submit our short-essay answers and we are presented with the awards for the scholarships in Sacramento," said Deeb. "Scholarships like this mean that people are interested enough in my ideas and my potential to make an impact in the world that they are willing to offer cash to see to it that I can continue with my education."

PTK is an international honor society intended to "rec-

ognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students," according to its website. This year's Valley contingent will be made up of PTK honors society president Martin Deeb and Anush Ambartsumyan, ASU treasurer, who will participate in the State Conference which has been meeting annually or decades. Students selected have maintained an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher, and have demonstrated achievement and participation.

"Historically, [we nominate] the highest-ranking student Associated Student Organization (ASO) officer and the highest-ranking officer of PTK who meet all the criteria," said Dr. Alfred J. Zucker, English department chair and PTK advisor. "And that has been the procedure for years."

During the finance meeting, ASU President Sukhsimran Sandhu posed the question of whether all PTK members have paid the ASO fee. By paying the \$10 fee each semester, students become a member of the Associated Student Union, which enables them to receive

benefits like supplemental funding.

Dr. Zucker stated he had never excluded students who could not afford to pay.

"I have never once, since 1997, turned down a single student based on money as long as they meet the qualifications," said Zucker. "We make adjustments, we help them."

Zucker noted some students had been "slipping through the cracks" as they failed to pay the ASO fee.

After hearing concern from the ASU, Deeb assured the board that effective next term they will no longer accept applications from students unless they have attached certification of having paid the ASO fee.

Deeb explained that they had not imposed the ASO fee in the past because they are not a club.

"It's just not a club, so there is no requirement," said Deeb. "But now, there will be a requirement; before they can get membership [to PTK] they'll have to show their ASO receipt."

At the moment, there are no dates set for another conference.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Polls show Democrats on the verge of losing the senate

Losing women support is jeopardizing Democrats' seats.*go to nationaljournal.com

Governors lift Ebola quarantine

New Jersey officials released nurse from quarantine on Monday.*go to bostonglobe.com*

Marvel announces Phase 3 Film Slate

Releasing nine films in three years. Headlined by: Captain America Civil War and Black Panther *go to ign.com*

OPINION

The VALLEY STAR Nov. 4 election preview

A rare chance to make the judicial system more just

■ Stop treating minor offenses like major ones, change lives for the better, and save hundreds of millions of dollars? Prop 47 simply makes sense.

BY JULIEN J. METZMEYER
STAFF WRITER

Voters have a real chance to change our judicial system by voting Yes on Proposition 47.

If passed into law, it would require a misdemeanor sentence instead of a felony for certain drug and property offenses. In other words, most nonviolent crimes would then be charged as misdemeanors. Among the crimes covered by the proposition are: shoplifting, grand theft, receiving stolen property, forgery of checks, bonds, bills, fraud, writing a check with insufficient funds and personal use of most illegal drugs, such as cocaine or heroin, as long as the value does not exceed \$950.

Inmates already convicted of those crimes would be eligible for consideration for reduced sentencing except those with prior conviction for serious or violent crimes and registered sex offenders. This kind of proposal would usually go to the legislature instead of the ballot, which is why Californians should seize this opportunity to improve our criminal-justice system, and in turn, our community.

Karen Long, an organizer for the Community Coalition of Los Angeles, told ballotpedia.org, "We see this as a social justice. We have been punishing crimes of poverty."

There are about 40,000 offenders who are convicted of the above crimes annually and it costs about \$50,000 a year to feed, clothe and provide medical care for each. That's roughly five times less than \$10,000 taxpayers spend on a typical public-school student. Apart from the adjustment to more constructive priorities, the state would save hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Proposition 47 mandates this savings be put into the new Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund. This fund would allocate 25 percent for reducing truancy and dropouts among K-12 students in public schools, 10 percent for victim services and 65 percent to support mental health and drug abuse treatment services that are designed to help keep individuals out of prison and jail.

According to the proposal, "The fund would receive appropriations based on savings accrued by the state during the fiscal year, as compared to the previous fiscal year, due to the initiative's implementation. Estimates range from \$150 million to \$250 million per year."

In the last decade, Californian spending on correctional institutions has jumped from less than \$5 billion a year to more than \$10 billion. California has built 23 prisons since 1980,

but only one public university. If Californians want to feel safe, our government should start spending more money on education and spending less money and time on nonviolent crimes. According to the Justice Policy Institute, "states that had higher levels of educational attainment also had crime rates lower than the national average. Putting away offenders who are not a danger to society is the worst thing that our system could do."

"They get into a prison system that is traumatic and causes two out of three to commit another offense once they're released," said B. Wayne Hughes Jr., founder of the prison fellowship movement to the L.A. Times, "When you go to prison, you have to join up with somebody. If you don't, you're at risk. You take orders. And the dangerous criminals are the guys giving the orders."

Not everyone supports the proposition. One of its opponents, U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein (D), said, "Prop. 47 would reclassify a wide range of crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor. This would mean shorter prison sentences for serious crimes like stealing firearms, identity theft and possessing dangerous narcotics such as cocaine and date rape drugs."

Our Sen. Feinstein either has not read the proposition in detail or has simply lied to the voters. It is not true; stealing



WILLIAM WARBY / FLICKR

LET'S NOT GO TO PRISON - More cells like these will be empty if Proposition 47 passes on Nov. 4.

firearms would still be considered a felony under the potential legislation. In the rebuttal to arguments against Proposition 47 on the official website of the California Secretary of State, proponents including such as San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon say, "Possessing a stolen concealed gun remains a felony."

Additional felony penalties to prevent felons and gang members from obtaining guns also apply ... Under Prop 47, using or attempting to use any kind of drug to commit date rape or other felony crimes remains a felony."

Similar policies have been successfully implemented in Republican-majority states, such as Texas. Newt Gingrich (R), former Speaker of the House who supports 47 wrote, "Texas in 2007 stopped prison expansion plans and instead used those funds for probation and treatment. It has reduced its prison population, closed three facilities and saved billions of dollars, putting a large part of the savings into drug treatment and mental health services. Better yet, Texas' violent crimes rates are the lowest since 1977."

If Texas can do it, there's no doubt that a state with

much more liberal attitudes toward recreational drug use, such as California can do it, too. Proposition 47 would make our state safer because the law enforcement would then focus on the more dangerous criminals instead of wasting time and taxpayers' money on petty crimes. We will become a more humane society by no longer looking at those people as criminals but as people who need help.

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Have we got a proposition (or six) for you

■ Here are synopses of the propositions on the Nov. 4 ballot, with major endorsers and opponents listed.

Prop 1

Authorize \$7 billion in water bonds to fund water quality, supply, treatment, and storage projects, and drinking water protection.

Endorsers: Gov. Jerry Brown (D), US Senator Dianne Feinstein (D), California Democratic Party, California Republican Party

Opponents: Rep. Tim Donnelly (R-33), Rep. Wesley Chesbro (D-2), Friends of the River, Food and Water Watch

Prop 2

Would create a Budget Stabilization Account (BSA), called a rainy day fund. The state would save money when times are good, pay down debts, and protect schools from cuts.

Endorsers: Gov. Jerry Brown (D), Dr. Michael Kirst (President Calif. Board of Education), Calif. Democratic Party, Calif. Republican Party, League of Women Voters of Calif.

Against: Ellen Brown, President of the Public Banking Institute, Educate Our State, Californians United to Reform

Prop 45

Any rate changes by health insurance companies would have to be approved by The Insurance Commissioner before taking effect. Prohibit health, auto, and homeowners insurers from determining policy eligibility or rates based on lack of prior coverage or credit history.

Endorsers: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D), Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones (D), Calif. Democratic Party,

National Union of Healthcare Workers

Opponents: Calif. Republican Party, Calif. Chamber of Commerce, The Latino Coalition, American Nurses Association Calif.

Prop 46

Requires drug and alcohol testing of doctors and reporting of any positive test results to the Calif. Medical Board. Increase the state's cap on non-economic damages that can be assessed in medical negligence lawsuits to over \$1 million from the current cap of \$250,000.

Endorsers: U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D), Consumer Federation of Calif., Consumer Watcher, Erin Brockovich, consumer advocate

Opponents: L.A. County Democratic Party, Calif., American Civil Liberties of Calif., Calif. Republican Party

Prop 47

Reduces the classification of most "nonserious and nonviolent property and drug crimes" from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Endorsers: Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsome (D), Reed Hastings, CEO of Netflix, Calif. Democratic Party,

Opponents: The Sacramento Bee, U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein

Prop 48

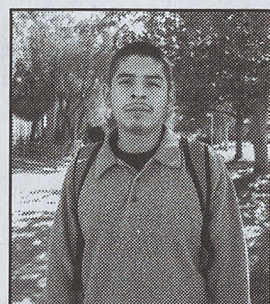
Allowed the North Fork and Wiyot Tribe to build a casino in the Central Valley.

Endorsers: Gov. Jerry Brown (D), Calif. Democratic Party, Calif. Labor Federation, Calif. Association of Tribal Governments

Opponents: Calif. Farm Bureau Federation, Potrero Hill Democratic Club

Campus View

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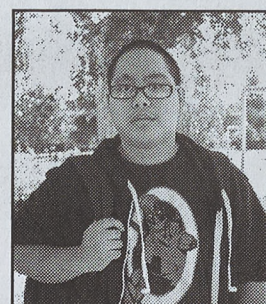
"Sometimes you have to steal bread because you are hungry ... a felony should be charged to people with arms and drugs; violent crimes."

JUAN REYES
ARCHITECTURE



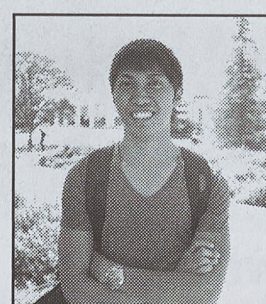
"I believe that if they want to change society, they have to make big changes and this is the beginning."

GLORIA VILLALOBOS
ART



"If it's for people who are starving, then I say go for it. But at the same time people who weren't would take advantage."

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ
UNDECIDED



"I wouldn't pass it because wouldn't it make other people keep stealing?"

DARRYL PASCUA
COMPUTER INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

What is your opinion on Prop 47
(to reclassify certain nonviolent felonies as misdemeanors)?

Dancing with the Monarchs

■ "Dance Day" fundraiser offers low-cost classes to students and community members.

BY JAZMINE SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

You could dance if you wanted to. You could dance 'til you dropped.

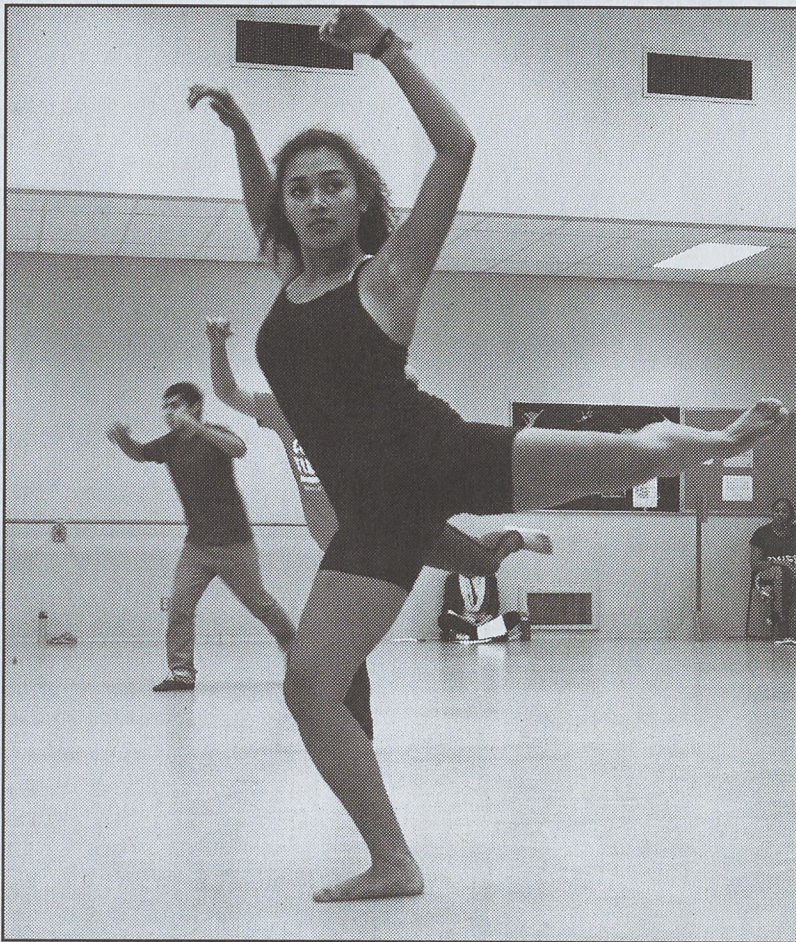
On Dance Day, an Oct. 25 fundraiser for the Valley College dance department, students and community members could take as many as six classes in different styles for only \$5 each or \$20 to fill the whole card.

More than 60 people punished the parquet in the North Gym in styles including Afro-Funk, Hip-Hop, House, Contemporary and Turns/Jazz. Special guest choreographers were brought in to teach. More than \$500 was raised.

A group of dance production students came up with the idea to raise money while reaching out to community members and informing them of what is being offered. Dance Professors Geordie Wright and Liz Casebolt made sure it was approved by the school. The first Dance Day, in Spring 2014, was enough of a success to justify this return engagement.

"Dance day is an event that we put on to bring guest artists to our students so that our students have the opportunity to experience teachers from the community and it is a way for us to invite other community members in to see our facilities and get to learn more about Valley College," Professor Wright said.

One special guest choreographer was Eric Ellis, known as "The Turn Doctor"



JAZMINE SANCHEZ / VALLEY STAR

DANCING QUEEN - A participant in Dance Day showing off her moves.

for his work in films such as "Coming to America" and "Showgirls." Alongside was Maya Zellman, a hip-hop professor at Valley. Zellman was part of a dance company called VersaStyle and currently owns the chocolate company, Brigadeiro: Brazilian Sweets.

"Dance Day was a fun experience for me," said 28-year-old Theater Arts major Vincent Smith. "I got the chance to participate in dance classes from various styles and genres, combined with the opportunity to meet and interact with others that share my passion for dance."

On social media, people were asked to re-post a flyer for Dance Day and hash-tag it with the words #danceday-giveaway. The winners were chosen at random and once they were chosen, they were given the chance to take all of the classes on Dance Day for free. In hopes of reaching out to more people in the community, the dance department is working on offering an AA degree in Dance.

For information on further events you can visit the dance department's Facebook page under "Los Angeles Valley College Dance Program."

Be very, very afraid

■ Valley production of an Albee classic explores drinks and psych warfare.

BY JAZMINE SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

"The script has so much real heartache that it's easy to find yourself in these characters," says theater major Benjamin Hernandez, director of the recent Valley College production of Edward Albee's classic play, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" "They are desperate to be loved but so afraid to accept it. I think at some point in our lives we each feel this way."

The Valley production of the venerated, 1962 Tony-winning play (the 1966 film of which being one of the only movies to have its entire cast nominated for Oscars) ran for two October weekends in the Horseshoe Theater studio of the Theater Arts building.

Regarded as one of the cornerstone pieces of American theatre, it provided challenging opportunities for four Valley students to explore complex character dynamics.

"The play holds a permanent place in the worldwide dramatic repertory," Theater professor Chris Coddington says. "It is always being revived all over the world, so it's a play that we feel our students should know, and it provided an opportunity for a student director to tackle a mainstage show."

In the play, a nightmare scenario traps a young couple (Nick and Honey) at the home of a middle-aged couple (George and Martha) for after-party drinks, but the cocktail of choice is psychological warfare. From beneath the emotional rubble, the characters' desperate lives and tragedies scratch and claw to the surface.

"It was a life altering experience to work on this play," says Hernandez. "Everyone from the faculty, actors, and crew all worked so hard. We just hope we did it justice and put on a good show for everyone who was able to see it."

Under her armor of meanness, Martha (a captivating Kiki Bennet) rides a bottle as her means of escape from the issues she can't face. As the lambs to the slaughter, Nick (Michael James) is a young biologist who doesn't realize he's in over his head and Honey is a naïf who laughs at life (Amy Lynn Perea, in a genuine-feeling portrayal). George, played by Valley stu-



JAY GILLIAND, PHOTO EDITOR / VALLEY STAR

STEP INTO OUR PARLOR - George (Matt McLaughlin) and Martha (Kiki Bennet) are the spiders; Nick (Michael James) and Honey (Amy Lynn Perea) are the flies in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

dent Matt McLaughlin (full disclosure: McLaughlin is a friend of this writer), is a history professor who comes off as witty and imprudent.

"While I have never experienced George's exact circumstances, I had a good sense of what his needs and wants were," McLaughlin said. "The biggest challenge for me was finding

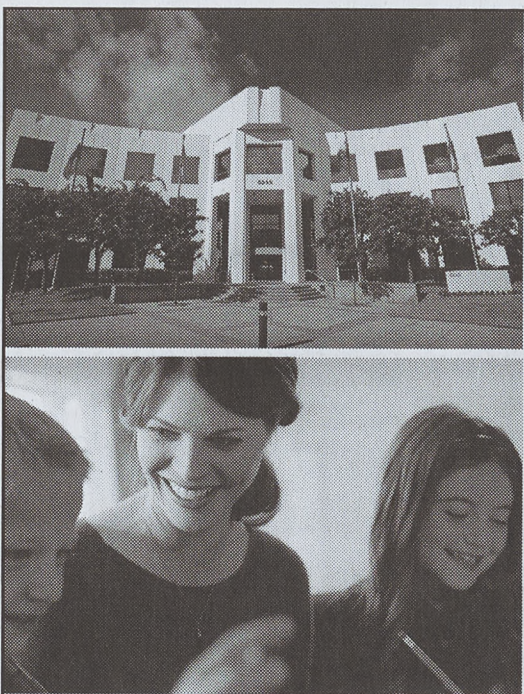
a way to make myself at least plausible as a man 20 years my senior."

The Theater Arts Department's next production will be the multiple-Tony-winning musical "In the Heights," Nov. 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 8 p.m. in the Mainstage Theater. Visit www.lavctheater.com for more information.



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A MOMENT OF DETENTE - George (Matt McLaughlin) and Martha (Kiki Bennet) are hot and they're cold; they're yes and they're no.



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New club aims to transcend stress

■ Valley professor promotes a healthier way of life via Meditation Club.

BY ZAIDA DIAZ
STAFF WRITER

"I would like to be able to give all students a chance to find a place of peace," says English Department vice-chair and professor Dr. William Wallis.

"I want to help students who I think suffer from stress, and I also see students with addiction problems in my classes. Not a lot, but some."

Wallis' nascent Meditation Club will assist students in overcoming personal afflictions by providing counseling through Buddhist meditation in a space of relaxation.

Club meetings will be an hour and a half and will be non-theistic despite what Wallis calls a "Buddhist 12-Step"

approach. Meetings will begin with a half-hour "sit" to practice two areas of meditation: mindfulness; and love and kindness.

"We would sit silently together and there would be [an experienced] practitioner, that is someone trained in mindfulness," Wallis said.

This would be followed by an hour of lesson and discussion; the lessons would cover some aspects of the non-religious philosophy of Buddhism.

At the back of the room would ideally be a table with professionals from health and psychological services providing information about getting help on campus and off-campus.

"I will try to have people there who are knowledgeable

and dedicated, who will be good resources for students who need help with stress or any addiction problems," said Wallis.

Wallis has received encouragement from the Student Health and Psychological Services at Valley, specifically from Physician Assistant Sonia Nodal and Outreach Coordinator Chelsea Shafer.

Eleven students attended the club's first meeting last Monday to set goals. They will next elect officers and set a schedule at their next meeting, Monday.

Monarchs interested in becoming a part of the club and its efforts can contact Wallis at walliswg@lavc.edu or attend the meeting Nov. 3 at 12:40 p.m. in Humanities 113.

SPORTS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Monarchs walking into the fright house

■ Next up: a team that is unscored upon at home.

By JORGE BELON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Halloween, Valley College will be looking to steal a rare point from College of the Canyons on Friday at 4 p.m. at the house of horrors known as the "Soccer Field" at Santa Clarita, Calif.

The Lady Monarchs are coming off an impressive undefeated four-game road trip and with the season starting to wind down, a victory or a draw at Santa Clarita



JAY GILLILAND
PHOTO EDITOR / VALLEY STAR
SAVES- Athena Del Rosario will need to play the game of her life on the road against College of the Canyons on Friday at 4 p.m.

would give the ladies in green important power points in their quest for the first-ever playoff berth in the program's history. That would be some trick.

The Cougars have not lost since Sept. 4th at San Diego Mesa College. Since that match, they have gone undefeated for 12 straight. They also got a treat from Valley when the Lady Monarchs' draw at Santa Monica gave the Cougars sole possession of first place in the Western State Conference South Division (10-1-3 overall; 7-0-1 conference).

The Cougars are scary on the road, but at home they are downright terrifying. They have yet to lose a match or even concede a single goal in seven games, while mauling opponents to the tune of 24 scores. Lady Monarchs Head Coach Greg Venger may need to come up with a plan as big and bold as D-Day to penetrate the back line that has only required Cougars goalie Priscilla Duron to make 26 saves in 14 matches, compared to Valley's keeper Athena Del Rosario's 102 saves in 15 games. Parachutes may be required.

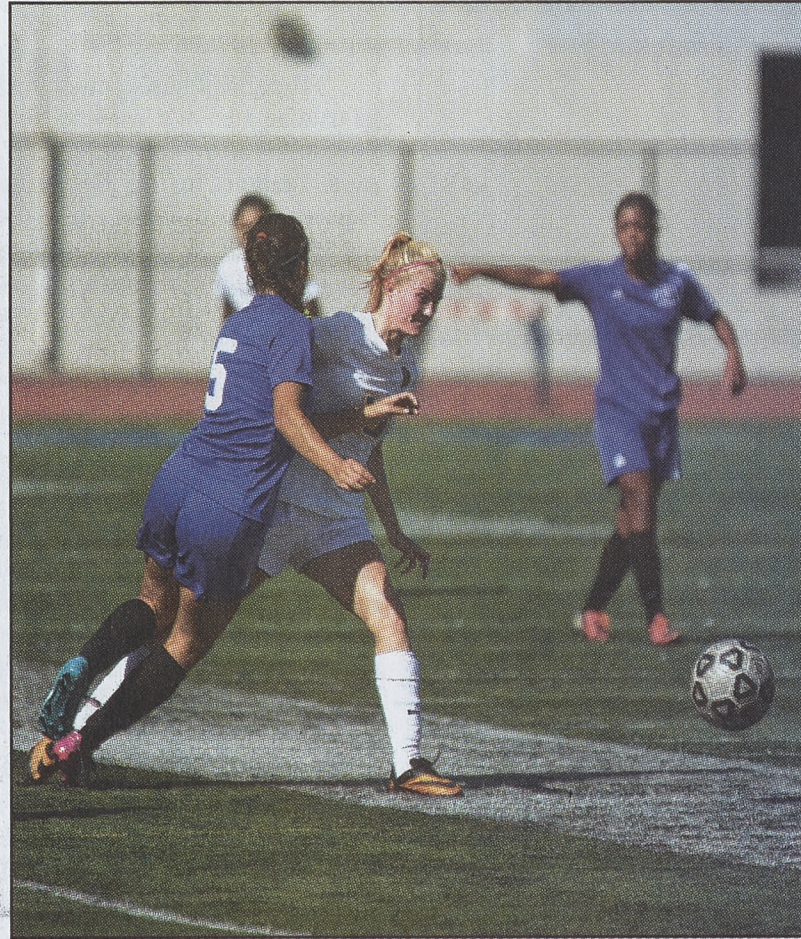
Figuring out how to score on the Cougars will be one challenge, while containing forward Marissa Kneisel promises to be equally perplexing. Kneisel leads the team with 13 goals and 10 assists, currently second in the WSC in both categories.

Prediction: College of the Canyons 3, Valley 1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Corsairs barely survive Valley

■ Valley nearly left Santa Monica with three points, but will settle for one after a clutch road draw.



JAY GILLILAND, PHOTO EDITOR / VALLEY STAR
TACKLING - Lady Monarch midfielder Regan Laser shrugging off Corsairs to get the ball in the competitive 2-2 draw at Santa Monica.

By JORGE BELON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After 28 combined tackles, 12 fouls and one ejection, the Lady Monarchs and the Santa Monica College Corsairs (SMC) settled for a physical 2-2 draw on a thrilling Friday afternoon at Corsairs Stadium.

"I told you they [Santa Monica College] were not going to be so lucky this time around," said Monarch goalkeeper Athena Del Rosario. "As coach [Head Coach Greg Venger] said

we did not tie them, they tied us this time."

Both offenses came out running as the teams combined for thirty-four shots, forcing Del Rosario and SMC goalie Jessica Ibarra to accumulate 24 saves.

In the 5th minute, the Corsairs struck when forward Cheyenne Del Los Reyes ran into the penalty box, controlled a cross from teammate Mindy Labayen, and placed the ball into the back of the net to give SMC the early 1-0 lead.

The Lady Monarchs responded just three minutes

later when midfielder Miriam Ramirez — now tied for Valley's goal-scoring lead — notched her ninth of the season. Ramirez displayed killer instinct, pouncing on the loose ball in the box despite numerous Corsairs attempting to clear the ball from her. Unfazed, Ramirez blasted it into the back of the net to tie the match at 1-1 in the 8th minute.

The score seemed to lift Valley's confidence, and they began to put immense pressure on the Santa Monica back line. Using their physicality and speed, the Lady Monarchs kept the Corsairs defense on their toes and attempting to grow eyes from the back of their heads as Valley wingers zoomed down the sidelines.

At the 22nd minute, Valley's consistent attack broke the back line, thanks to midfielder Berenice Garcia's stubborn play in the box. Garcia found the ball in the crowd and took the close-range shot, but Ibarra got a hand on the ball. Garcia quickly recovered the rebound with Ibarra forcing her left to shut down her angle. Despite the difficult shot, Garcia still managed to squeak the ball into the back of the net to give Valley the 2-1 lead.

After the ladies in green went ahead, the temperature on the field rose, as tackles and elbows began to happen more than passes being completed. All the tension finally blew over when Corsairs midfielder Cheyenne De Los Reyes and injured reserve Monarch defender Charlene Parrales shared words face to face, and

the confrontation ended with 5 foot 6 inches Parrales pushing the 6 foot 3 inches SMC midfielder, the Valley player would get ejected from the game.

Valley carried the lead into the break, leaving Santa Monica bewildered and staggering to the sidelines.

However, in the second half the SMC offense began to fire on all cylinders. Desperate to tie the game, Santa Monica took 13 of their 22 shots in the final 45 minutes. But Del Rosario would frustrate the Corsairs attack, by making 15 saves. It would take a well placed shot to the bottom right hand corner of the net, from the speedy SMC forward Jayma Martin to finally tie the match at 2-2 in the 50th minute.

After that goal, neither team would be able to score again as the match ended in a 2-2 satisfying road tie for the Monarchs. But for Santa Monica, failing to win would drop them to second place in the WSC South.

"To get a 2-2 draw against one of the top teams in the conference is a big thing," said Del Rosario, with an eye toward making the playoffs with the conference's complicated "power points" system. "Yes we would have loved to win this game, but we didn't. However, this result will give us major power points and it will send a message through out the conference."

The Lady Monarchs return home on Tuesday after going undefeated on their four-game road trip to face Antelope Valley College at 4 p.m. at Monarch Stadium.

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PREPPING - Valley Coach Juan Navarro motivates his players for the game against Pierce on Saturday.

'Bell'

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Navarro — 2013 Brahma defensive coordinator — is confident this time, the Bell tolls for Pierce.

"That's the goal," said Navarro. The Bell "would be a very prideful thing for all of us to have here. I really want [the Bell] for our kids, for our school, and for our program."

Navarro's offseason arrival, partially plundering Pierce's staff for assistant coaches, may be just the spark that the Monarchs program needed to revive the rivalry.

"They've had [The Bell] for a couple years now," said Valley

free safety Chris Morgan, briefly a Pierce student last spring before transferring to Valley. "But we're going to bring it home this year, period."

The Victory Bell—actually composed of two bells, a small one perched on top of another one, twice its size—was built in the early 1970s to be bestowed upon the winner of the rivals' annual football game.

Valley Athletic Director and football Offensive Coordinator Jim Fenwick spent his collegiate football days as a Brahma in that era, but has invested the last three decades in Valley's program as a coach.

"I've been around a long time ... I have kind of mixed feelings about it," said Fenwick.

"But it's part of the spirit, competition, sportsmanship of competition, and nice for our guys to experience."

Not only will this game be played for bragging rights, but for conference implications as well, as both teams are just 1-3 in the American Pacific and each coming off losses.

For Monarchs offensive lineman Teddy Broadnax, those stakes only fuel the intensity of the matchup.

"I hate Pierce," said Broadnax, "and now if we don't beat Pierce, it's a wasted year."

The Valley College Monarchs face off against the Pierce College Brahma Bulls at John Shepherd Stadium Saturday at 7 p.m.

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